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BIG DIVIDENDS OF I. R. T. CAUSED DEFICIT

REVOLT AGAINST SWEET OVER SOCIALIST ISSUE LOOMS BIG IN ASSEMBLY

Roosevelt Reported Ready to Move for Rescuing of Suspended Members Monday.

PARTY SPLIT WIDENS.

Rush of Republicans to Call off Trial in Prospect—Press Agent Charge Aired.

By Martin Green.

ALBANY, Jan. 29.—The Assemblymen remaining here to-day were interested in the rumor that Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., convinced that the prosecution of the five suspended Socialist Assemblymen has not made a case, is prepared to move next Monday evening that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of the case and that the Socialists be released.

Col. Roosevelt would not discuss the rumor, which reaches out and gathers in Assemblyman Adler, the majority leader, who is said to be favorable to Col. Roosevelt's plan, and Assemblyman Rowe of Buffalo, who is said to have a plan of his own to put an end to the trial under the prevalent conditions and rules.

Indications are that there will be such a rush to get into the limelight in connection with the Socialist Assemblymen's case next Monday night that if those statesmen who are in the van don't stop lively they will be run over.

Speaker Sweet is at Saratoga Lake taking a rest. His friends in the Assembly say that Col. Roosevelt would not be consistent in trying to break down the proceedings, because he was consulted before the five Assemblymen were suspended and agreed to the Speaker's plan.

The Colonel, now non-committal, has said that his first intention was the Socialists were not welcome in the bar of the House and figuratively handed their hats by Speaker Sweet.

Around the Capitol this afternoon it was rumored that four members of the Judiciary Committee were preparing to file a dissenting opinion on most of Chairman Martin's rulings regarding admissibility of evidence. The four, according to the rumor, are Assemblymen Evans and Bloch, Democrats, and Stitt and Pellett, Republicans. One version said they were confident of adding two and possibly three others. As there are thirteen members of the committee, seven would constitute a majority.

"PRESS AGENT" CHARGE AIRMED IN ASSEMBLY.

Assemblyman Bloch of New York brought before the Judiciary Committee of the Assembly, in a meeting prior to the beginning of the trial of the Socialists to-day a report, current about the Capitol that a press agent, supposed to be employed by the committee, is engaged in supplying the country press of the State free of charge with boiler plate material ready for printing consisting of the revolutionary sentiments contained in the pamphlets and speeches which have been read into the record of the investigation.

Mr. Bloch demanded information, saying that if the committee had em-

SOCIALISTS' TRIAL ADDS TO BURDENS OF CITY TAXPAYER

Expenses Piling Up and Legislature Loafing While Politicians Play to Upstate Vote.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Jan. 29.—Whatever the outcome of the proceedings against the five Socialist Assemblymen may be, it is in order, looking over the time which has been wasted thus far, and the time that will be wasted before the investigation is finished, to figure a bit on the expense of this action to the taxpayers. This is of especial interest to the taxpayers of the City of New York, who pay approximately 70 per cent of the normal expenses of the State, and will have paid a higher percentage when their share of the State tax upon incomes is turned in.

The session of yesterday afternoon, for instance, was devoted entirely to arguments upon the admissibility of, and the reading of speeches and testimony which have been given to the public by the New York daily newspapers weeks and months ago. The matter spread upon the record by this procedure can be of no assistance to the Judiciary Committee because it is largely a repetition of testimony taken in New York City by the Lusk Committee.

Why the record should be jammed up with all these speeches and pamphlets and books and arguments was quite a mystery to outsiders until it was learned that the powers behind the prosecution are maintaining in Albany an active and far reaching propaganda organization.

New Yorkers who have been listening to soap box Socialist orators and reading the bulletins of parties and groups for years no longer pay serious attention to the doctrines so disseminated. The city is tolerant of radicals, the disposition in Greater New York being to allow the discontent to blow off steam under proper police supervision.

KEEPING THE UP-STATE VOTER STIRRED UP.

Up State the inhabitants are more set in their ideas and ideals. Bolshevism means in the rural districts murder, arson, theft and worse, and a Socialist is a Bolshevik.

The speeches of the Socialist Assemblymen, the manifestation of Socialists, the documents seized in the (Continued on Twenty-second Page.)

FOOD AS A MONEY STANDARD.

Dr. Wiley Says It Should Displace Gold—Banks Reserve Board.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 29.—The high cost of living owes its existence in part to the Federal Reserve Board, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, national pure food expert, declared in an address before the National Consumers' Association.

The remedy, Dr. Wiley said, lies in the immediate withdrawal of inflated currency and the substitution of food as the standard of value instead of gold. The pre-war standard will never return, he said.

STATE MAY CALL SCIENTISTS TO SAY WHAT INTOXICATES

Senator Walker Offers Resolution Calling for Legislative Investigation.

\$10,000 FOR THE TESTS

Minority Leader Contends the Commonwealth Has Right to Decide.

ALBANY, Jan. 29.—Determination by a legislative committee of what constitutes "intoxicating liquor" is proposed in a resolution introduced in the Senate to-day by Minority Leader James J. Walker.

The resolution, which was referred to the Finance Committee, calls for the appointment of three Senators and Assemblymen and appropriates \$10,000 for the investigation. "Some people say four per cent," said Senator Walker; "others say eight, and some say twelve. The Federal statute says one-half of one per cent. I believe the State, which has concurrent power with the national government in forcing constitutional prohibition, ought to determine this question for itself."

Senator Walker said the committee could be guided by the views of scientists as to what percentage of alcohol renders a beverage intoxicating.

SECRET INQUIRY INTO HIGH COSTS

U. S. Investigators to Pose as Customers—New York One of 30 Cities on List.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—An extensive survey of living costs in the principal cities of the country will be started next week by the Department of Labor, Dr. Charles E. Baldwin, chief clerk of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, said to-day experts would make a comprehensive study of the total price of necessary commodities, including clothing, shoes, furniture and other household articles.

Theater charges and other amusements will also be tabulated, and the work is to be completed within a month to six weeks. Among cities to be investigated are New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Cleveland, New Orleans, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Denver, Kansas City, Mo., San Francisco, Portland, Ore., and Seattle.

The investigators, posing as consumers, will rent houses and trade with local merchants in their neighborhoods, keeping a record of prices. Their findings will be secret until the inquiry is completed, and the landlords and grocers will not know they are dealing with government agents. There will be several women investigators.

STATEN ISLAND AVIATOR KILLED

Admiral Wilson Sees Lieut. Bernard Vanderbilt Eckhout in Fatal Mishap.

ON BOARD U. S. S. PENNSYLVANIA, OFF GUANTANAMO, Jan. 29 (By Wireless to the Associated Press.)—Lieut. Bernard Vanderbilt Eckhout was fatally injured yesterday while flying over the naval aviation station at Guantanamo Bay. His plane, a single-engine, was wrecked. Eckhout was alive when taken from the wreckage and rushed to the hospital ship Solace, where he died.

Admiral Henry H. Wilson, commanding the Atlantic fleet, witnessed the accident. The cause of the accident is not known. Lieut. Eckhout graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis in June, 1917. He lived at the home of his mother, Mrs. John B. Morton, Staten Island, N. Y.

Extends Time to Get Auto Plates.

FRANCE TO MAKE UP ITS HUMAN LOSSES IN THE WORLD WAR.

Council Named to Devise Methods of Encouraging Increase in Birth Rate.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—MILLERAND'S new "repopulation cabinet" has taken its first practical step toward replenishing the human losses in the war. President Poincaré has signed a decree creating a "Superior Council of Natality" in the Ministry of Health. The Council will devise methods for encouraging increase of the birth rate.

DIES WITH \$100,000 INSURANCE ON HIS LIFE NOT IN EFFECT

Richmond Levering, Oil Promoter, Is Victim of Pneumonia.

Richmond Levering, President of Richmond Levering & Co., Inc., oil promoters of No. 120 Broadway, died at his home No. 1 East 54th Street, last night of pneumonia brought on by influenza.

A short time ago, Mr. Levering applied to the Equitable Life Assurance Society for a \$100,000 policy. The medical examination was had and the policy was made out, but Mr. Levering died before it became effective. Mr. Levering was thirty-nine years old. He was a native of Indiana and a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale. He was a member of the University, the Yacht and the Sleepy Hollow clubs of New York and of the Chicago Club. The funeral will be held Saturday morning from the family home.

GOVERNORS CONFER HERE ON DRY LAW

Hold Consultation With Charles E. Hughes in This City To-morrow.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 29.—Gov. Milliken and Attorney General J. Sturgis will attend a conference of Governors of a number of States with Charles E. Hughes in New York to-morrow regarding plans for action in connection with the legal battle over the constitutionality of the National Prohibition Law.

Gov. Milliken recently telegraphed the Governors of thirty States, where a referendum on the Prohibition Amendment might be invoked if the United States Supreme Court should determine such procedure to be requisite, asking them to join with Maine in retaining adequate legal counsel to represent them.

40 PER CENT. RAISE AND A 7-HOUR DAY, NOW MINERS' PLEA

Demands Modified "For Purposes of Harmony," Says President Lewis.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—DEMANDS of miners for a 60 per cent wage increase and six-hour day have been modified to 40 per cent and a seven-hour day, according to United Mine Workers' officials here to-day. This modification will not formally be laid before the Coal Commission, which is to fix the new wage hours scale, until the necessity for compromise becomes pressing.

"For purposes of harmony," is the reason given by John L. Lewis, acting President of the miners. "The miners don't want to bring hardships on the people. They want to show good faith and it is for this reason that they make these modifications."

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Mrs. Grant testified for the divorce today in Mrs. Reese's suit before the Supreme Court, in which Mrs. Reese charges cruel and inhuman treatment.

THEATRE INSTALLS A \$10,000 SMOKING ROOM FOR WOMEN

"Driven to It," Says Manager of Chicago Playhouse, Telling of Innovation.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—A CHICAGO theatre to-day announced it had opened a smoking room for women at a cost of \$10,000. The manager said the "women drove him to it." He found girls were smoking in the washroom, the bar and even in the lobby. The women smoke more cigarettes than the men, he added.

HAMBY MUST DIE; SMITH REFUSES TO HALT EXECUTION

Slayer Still Maintains Composure; Sleeps Well and Eats Heartily.

Gov. Smith refused this afternoon to interfere in the execution of Gordon Fawcett Hamby, who is to be executed to-night in the death house at Sing Sing for the murder of De Witt Peal and Henry Coons in the East Brooklyn Savings Bank holdup.

Hamby's last night sleep was apparently a sound one and he maintained his composure through the day. He had for breakfast eggs and coffee and marmalade. During the morning he wrote three letters, one of them to a girl, entrusting them to Warden Lawes.

A steak with mushrooms, canned strawberries and coffee comprised his noon meal. Frank Flanagan, a prisoner awaiting the chair, bought for him a box of cigars, a box of candy and an ice cream brick. Warden Lawes talked with Hamby but the latter's approaching death was not discussed. The remarkable criminal showed no signs of weakness. He told the Warden that he had planned to kill himself and cheat the chair, but had refrained from carrying it out because Lawes had been so good to him. The guards doubt his story.

LAWRENCE WASHINGTON DIES

Great Nephew of George, a Victim of Influenza.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Lawrence Washington, great nephew of George Washington, died here yesterday after an illness of only a week, his death resulting from influenza.

Lawrence Washington was born at Mount Vernon in 1856. He is survived by a wife, eight sons and four daughters.

HUBBY TOO GOOD, GIVEN AS REASON FOR WIFE'S SUIT.

So Painfully Near Perfection That Mrs. Reese Sues For Separation.

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RED CROSS TO GET LIQUOR FOR USE IN INFLUENZA CASES

Army and Navy May Now Get Alcohol Seized by the Government.

RED TAPE FOR DOCTORS

They Have to Get Needed Liquor Through a Court Order.

By David Lawrence.

(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (Copyright 1920).—It's all very well to permit hospitals to lay in a supply of alcoholic liquors with which to treat influenza patients, but how about the thousands of victims who are confined to their homes and whose physicians have had and may have difficulty finding drug stores with a stock of such stimulants?

Inquiry at the Legal Department of the Internal Revenue office here, where directions are given for the national enforcement of the Prohibition law, yielded me some pertinent information as to the manner in which the law is being construed as well as the legal method by which the wants of anybody in the United States suffering from influenza or any other ailment for which a physician declares alcohol is necessary as medicine can be supplied.

RED TAPE TO CUT BEFORE GETTING THE LIQUOR.

The process is this: Any physician who sets forth under oath that he needs alcohol, whether in the form of a beverage or anything else, and makes the proper affidavit before a United States Attorney can get the liquor. The United States Attorney, of course, must apply to the Federal Court in his jurisdiction for the necessary permission, and if there is an available supply in the hands of the Collector of Internal Revenue, obtained through confiscation, the Court may require the Collector to sell to physicians or to drug stores who hold permits for the sale or distribution of alcoholic medicines.

Under the law, the United States Court may authorize the grant of liquor free of charge to any Government agency. Thus the army or navy could get it from any collector of internal revenue who happens to be nearest any camp or post. Also, it is quite probable that the American Red Cross would be construed to be a "Government agency."

The Red Cross hitherto has not supplied medicines to influenza patients but has confined itself to the distribution of gauze masks and nurses. But it would appear to be possible for the Red Cross to obtain a supply of liquor for distribution in needy cases, though this point is still under discussion at the headquarters of the (Continued on Twenty-second Page.)

\$25,000,000 SLASH IN FOOD LOAN BILL

Secretary Glass Makes Reduction as He Appears Before House Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Reduction of \$25,000,000 in the \$250,000,000 loan bill proposed by the President for food relief in Poland, Austria and Albania was made today by Secretary Glass, appearing before the House Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. Glass said the reduction had been decided on in conference with Herbert Hoover, who was quoted as saying that the loan or gift of \$250,000,000 as suggested in committee would do "more harm than good."

"Men, women and children, especially children, are dying by the thousands," declared the Secretary. "One man, just returned from Europe, saw twenty-seven bodies lying abandoned in a street in an Austrian city."

I. R. T. WOULD HAVE SURPLUS OF \$48,872,000 HAD IT PAID SEVEN PER CENT. DIVIDENDS

Declared as High as 20 Per Cent. When It Claimed to Need Funds—Hylan Hints Strike Inquiry May Be Resumed by Grand Jury.

Wood Loudoun, a Deputy Commissioner of Accounts, testifying to-day before the Board of Estimate at its inquiry into the city's traction affairs, declared that if the Interborough had confined its dividends to a 7 per cent. basis between 1904 and 1919 it would now have a surplus on hand of \$48,872,070.65. Instead, during some of the years when it was claimed the road was hard up for money, dividends as high as 20 per cent. were paid, it was shown.

\$17,000,000 PROFIT TO BANKERS FOR I. R. T. FINANCES.

Statistics Compiled for Corporation Counsel Burr Show Biggest Lender Was Morgan & Co.

EXPERT accountants working under the direction of Corporation Counsel Burr estimated to-day that out of \$200,000,000 borrowed by the Interborough between 1902 and the present day the banking firms from which this money came received a profit of about \$17,000,000. This would mean a little less than 10,000,000 a year for the use of the entire sum.

The accountants claim that J. P. Morgan and Company was by far the biggest lender, its advances being far above fifty per cent of the \$200,000,000.

In many instances the profits were instantaneous, it is said. For instance, the bankers would lend ninety-five and one-half and dispose of the notes at ninety-eight and one-half immediately upon their acquisition, thus clearing up on three points.

TREATY PARLEYS POSTPONED AGAIN

Illness in Senator Lenroot's Family Prevents Meeting Called for To-day.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Postponement until to-morrow of the bipartisan Treaty Conference was caused by the absence of Senator Lenroot, one of the Republican conferees, due to illness in his family.

Publication of the resolutions as they stood when the conference was interrupted last week caused excitement among the conferees. Some members of both sides were said to have accused those of the opposite party of having violated a pledge of secrecy imposed on the conferees when they began.

Senators outside the conference said that publication of the resolutions, showing that real progress had been made and that an agreement was in sight when Senator Lodge issued his ultimatum, would have its influence on the public.

Not Seeking Trade of Soviet Russia. SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Jan. 29.—The Ford Rubber Company, through its export manager, C. B. Mason, today denied the statement of Ludwig A. K. Martens, who testifies yesterday before a Congressional committee, named that company as one of many desirous of entering into trade relations with the Soviet Government.

Says Every Family Will Pay \$550 U. S. Tax in 1921.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Government taxes during 1921 will amount to approximately \$550 for every family in the United States, Representative Luce, Republican, Massachusetts, declared to-day in the House.

It now appears likely that in addition to calling members of the firm

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